

Black Absorbs Heat.

A French authority had two thermometers—one of ordinary glass, the other painted black—placed in the sun. In the white glass the mercury rose to 144. Under the black paint it went up to 157 in the same position. The inference is that people who wear black coats are warmer in the sunshine than those who dress in white.

Theory Regarding the Moon.

The novel theory of Dr. Voight, a German astronomer, is that the greater part of the moon's craters represent work of coral insects in long-vanished seas. He finds that if the earth's tropical ocean were suddenly dried up the bed would resemble the face of the moon, the coral formations appearing exactly like the craters of the extinct volcanoes.

Belated Weddings.

The love of independence and the freedom and pleasure of to-day make girls less and less anxious to marry before they are past five and twenty. Perhaps it is better that there should be that disinclination, for our modern life may fit a woman better to marry late than early.—Lady Jeune in London Opinion.

Man and Wife.

Buxton, N. Dak., Sept. 12 (Special).—Mr. B. L. Skriveth of this place has been added to the steadily growing following that Dodd's Kidney Pills have in this part of the country.

Mr. Skriveth gives two reasons for his faith in the Great American Kidney Cure. The first is that they cured his wife and the second is that they cured himself.

"I must say," says Mr. Skriveth, "that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for Kidney Trouble I ever knew. My wife had Kidney Disease for years and she tried all kinds of medicine, from doctors but it did not help her any. An advertisement led her to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. The first box helped her so much that she took eight boxes more and now she is cured."

"I also took three boxes myself and they made me feel better and stronger in every way."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have never yet failed to cure any kidney disease from Backache to Rheumatism, Diabetes or Bright's Disease.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

Midnight Sun.

"I'm mighty glad," said the old colored inhabitant, "dat de worl' only turns 'roun' once in a day. Kaze ef ever hit turned in de nighttime hit would er kotched me at many a heebos."—Atlanta Constitution.

Most Active Volcano.

Mount Sanguay is the most active volcano in the world. It is in Ecuador, is 17,120 feet in height, and has been in constant activity since 1728. The sounds of its eruptions are sometimes heard in Quito, 150 miles distant, and 267 reports were once counted in one hour.

When Bettors Should Quit.

The London Sketch says a professional betting man should go out of business when 50 years old. After that age a man makes mistakes. Between 50 and 65 he stands to lose 75 per cent of what he accumulated before 50.

True Yankee Woman.

"Your wife is somewhat strong-minded, isn't she, Littlejohn?" "Strong-minded! Well, a furniture polish peddler came here yesterday; and in five minutes' talk she sold him some polish she had made herself."—Boston Congregationalist.

Ships Have Lightning Conductors.

Ships of war are usually fitted with lightning conductors. This precaution is rendered necessary by the explosives stored away in their magazines.



A Trick in Seed Selling.

The Grain Dealers' National Association, recently in session in Milwaukee, passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, Seed houses do a large business in the sale of seed grains, and thereby may materially affect the general business of the crops of grain thus produced, either for better or worse; and,

Whereas, It is known that seed thus sold by seed houses does not always possess the merit of type and breeding sufficient to meet the expectations of the purchaser, and in fact often does not tend to raise the standard of the general crops produced. For example it has been too common a practice for seedsmen to purchase ordinary corn from farmers' cribs and sell the same under special brands when in fact it possessed no special merit whatever, with respect to type and breeding, and the same is true in regard to other grains; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grain Dealers' National Association, now in convention assembled in Milwaukee this 23d day of June, 1904, does hereby urgently request all firms engaged in the selling of seed grain to adopt a line of business policy that will result in giving more attention to the questions of type and breeding and adaptability and thereby assist in improving the quality and yield of grains; also,

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to all the principal firms engaged in the business of selling seed grains in the grain producing states, and also to all the leading agricultural papers in the country.

The practice against which the resolution is directed is one that has long been condemned by conscientious dealers. It not only injures the farmers, but injures the firms that are trying to do an honest business. It is gratifying to see a great association take the stand that this one has taken. The agitation is sure to bear fruit.—Farmers' Review.

Corn in British India.

The cultivation of Indian corn, or maize, has within the past century become a factor of great importance in the rural economy of British India. The Indian Agriculturist (Calcutta) of June 1, 1904, says: "This grain, if we consider the whole of India collectively, is now of equal economic importance with wheat. In the hilly tracts of the country especially, and among the bulk of the aboriginal tribes, it is chiefly depended upon as a means of subsistence. Yet the botanist, Roxburgh, writing about a hundred years ago, described it as 'cultivated in various parts of India in gardens, and only as a delicacy, but not anywhere on the continent of India, as far as I can learn, as an extensive crop.' Its use in upper India may have been more general at that time than this writer was aware, for its most common vernacular name, makkai, derived from Mecca, is supposed to associate its introduction with the Mogul dynasty. But there is no name for maize in Sanskrit, and the grain has no recognized place in the religious or social ceremonies of the Hindus. Few of those who cultivate it now have any idea that it is an innovation, and the fact that its local name is often that of some much older crop encourages the pious belief that it has been the staple food of the district for untold generations."

Those who have watched the live stock interests of the country know that they are advancing slowly a little each year. It is, however, possible to make a more marked advance.

Civilization and Railroads.

Nothing is more significant of the sudden development of Japan than the history of her railways. The first railways, eighteen miles in length, was completed in 1872. At the present time there are 1,344 miles of state and 2,150 miles of private railways in operation, and there are 852 miles under construction. For the most part they pay well, the larger yielding dividends from 10 to 12 per cent.

Tibetan Earth Dwellers.

Earth dwellers are common in Tibet. Strangely clad men and women, who since childhood have rarely looked upon the sun, are found living in roomy clay apartments in a mode as stringent as any monastic order. They are supplied with food and other necessities by their children, who alone leave the caverns; and much of their time is occupied in extending their curious residences.

Wed in Grandmother's Dress.

Miss Muriel Arthur, who married Mr. Ian Finlay of the Scots Greys, wore a wedding dress, composed entirely of priceless old Brussels lace, which was worn by the bridegroom's great-grandmother at her own wedding 109 years ago.

Not Disappointed This Time.

"I have been often disappointed in the use of some widely advertised remedy, claiming to cure this or that trouble. Nevertheless, on the strength of one of the testimonial letters published, I decided to try a box of Hunt's Cure. My trouble was eczema of the lower limbs, from which I long suffered. One box cured me. I have had a pleasant, peaceful summer, thanks to Hunt's Cure."

Mrs. Alice Fortune,
Shell Knob, Mo.

That Was Mr. Micawber's Scheme.

The art in life is to sit still and to let things come toward you, not to go after them or even to think that they are in flight. How often I have chased some divine shadow through a whole day till evening, when, going home tired, I have found the visitor just turning away from my closed door.—Arthur Symons in Saturday Review.

HAD TO GIVE UP.

Suffered Agonies from Kidney Disorders Until Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.

George W. Renoff, of 1953 North 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa., a man of



good reputation and standing, writes: "Five years ago I was suffering so with my back and kidneys that I often had to lay off. The kidney secretions were unnatural, my legs and stomach were swollen, and I had no appetite. When doctors failed to help me I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and improved until my back was strong and my appetite returned. During the four years since I stopped using them I have enjoyed excellent health. The cure was permanent." (Signed) GEORGE W. RENOFF.

A TRIAL FREE—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cts.

Laughter a Health-Tonic.

There is nothing better established among physicians than that cheerfulness prolongs life, and also enriches and enlarges it. Whole-souled, joyous laughter is a powerful health tonic.

Mosquito Cause of Death.

A Jersey mosquito caused the death of a barber named Rosko Dorso at Harrison, N. J. The barber was shaving and a mosquito lit on his nose. The razor was directly under the barber's chin, and in making a slap to drive away the mosquito, he cut a deep gash in his throat. A physician arrived too late to save him.

How to Gain Riches.

Otto Wicke, a prominent New York politician, whose check is worth \$125,000, at one time lived on five cents a day and slept in the city hall park.

Peculiarity of Arctic Circle.

There is neither thunder nor lightning within the Arctic circle.



It is the purest, cleanest starch made.
It is free of injurious chemicals.
It can be used where ordinarily you would be afraid to use starch of any kind.
That's Defiance. Your grocer sells it.

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